

Royal Oak

Latest From Our Sister Village

Mrs. M. A. Parr made a business trip to Pontiac last Saturday.

Louis F. Moran, of Detroit, was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs. Robert McCreary came home from Harper hospital last week.

Many of the pupils of our school have already been vaccinated.

Mrs. J. Merritt spent the past week with friends in London, Ontario.

Sherman Williams is spending a few days at Birmingham visiting his son.

Dr. J. W. Anderson has built an addition to his residence on Main street.

Mrs. Wallace Potter and children, of Flint, spent the past few days with Mrs. Flint.

Mr. Bogart has his new home in Poplar Park nearly completed. He expects to move in soon.

Miss Kittie Hawthorne visited her sister Mrs. Newman in Birmingham one day last week.

The Royal Oak Woman's club meets next Monday at the home of Mrs. E. Sinclair on Center street.

Mrs. John Sullivan and children, of Detroit, visited Mrs. Lavery and other friends in town last Thursday.

Mrs. Will Sullivan continues quite ill at her home on Main street. A trained nurse from Detroit is caring for her.

Do not fail to attend the apron and handkerchief sale given by the M. E. Ladies' Aid society at the home of Mrs. J. M. Lawson this Friday evening.

A. W. Willson, who went to Owosso some months ago to engage in the lumber business, has sold out his interests there and returned to Royal Oak.

Royal Oak Baptist church, morning service at 10 o'clock. Rev. J. Mathews, pastor. Subject, "The Value of Man." Sunday school at 11:30 a. m.

Miss Bessie Russell is still in Harper hospital. A second operation was performed on her last Thursday from which she rallied nicely. Her mother is with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Esling are entertaining Mr. and Mrs. Albert Esling, of Winnipeg. Mr. Esling is a brother of Mr. Thomas Esling, and he and his wife are here on their wedding trip.

The junior class of the Royal Oak school held a meeting recently for the purpose of electing their officers. Thomas Lavery acted as their chairman and the following officers were elected: President, Sadie Hammond; secretary, Harriet White; treasurer, Eulalia Keyser.

The Ladies' Aid of the M. E. church will hold an apron and handkerchief sale at their next regular meeting at the home of Mrs. J. M. Lawson, Friday, Dec. 9. The business meeting at 3 p. m. Supper will be served on the serve self plan from 5:30 to 8.

Apron and handkerchief sale following the supper. All friends of the society are invited. Mrs. W. D. Curtis, secretary.

There will be a fair and tea given Dec. 10 at the home of Mrs. Glenn Fyfe Harris, 1634 Woodward avenue, for the benefit of the Van Luven-Browne Hospital School for Crippled Children. Mrs. Harris will be assisted by the Misses Rhea Allen, Cora Reynolds, Olive Dust, Marguerite Reynolds and Peggy Pyle. All Royal Oak ladies who may be interested are invited.

An exchange says: It doesn't make any difference whether a boy is a ragged newsboy or a college graduate with money in his pocket, he will succeed if he is honest and wants to. No man can be a real success unless he is honest and no man can be any kind of a success unless he wants to and tries to be. There is in every human being the possibility of great and good achievements and he only is a success who develops these possibilities to their fullest extent.

W. D. Curtis was called to Ypsilanti on account of the serious illness of an uncle.

Mrs. Lydia Musgrave, of Birmingham, called on her numerous friends here Saturday.

James S. Butler, of Oxford, county drain commissioner, was in town last week on business.

Mr. and Mrs. Allison Miner, of Oakwood, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. C. G. Merrill a few days the past week.

Dr. Graves has moved his dental office from the Roy block to his residence. The Dr. has also opened an office at Warren.

Mrs. Stowell, who has spent several weeks with her daughter Mrs. W. D. Curtis, returned to home in Dundee last Monday.

Some of the young men of the village gave a dance at the town hall Friday evening which was well attended, about 60 couple being present. A most enjoyable evening was passed.

Joseph Mathews, the sheriff of Macomb county, who was so ruthlessly slaughtered last week had many friends in this vicinity whose deep sympathy goes out to the bereaved family in their deep affliction.

You are invited to attend a men's meeting at the Congregational church Tuesday evening, Dec. 13. The meeting will be addressed by H. S. Gardner. His subject will be "Our Village." Don't fail to attend this meeting.

D. K. Smith, our hustling merchant, is a very busy man these days. He is constantly adding to his already large stock of goods, both his goods and his prices are right. When in need of any thing in his line, give him a call.

Miss Ethel Kennedy, a violinist of exceptional ability, who has a studio in the Telephone building in Birmingham, has three scholars in this village. Any one anxious to master the violin can find no better instructor than Miss Kennedy.

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Died at his late residence two miles north of this village, Saturday, Dec. 3, Jacob Stumpf, aged 74 years, 7 months and 6 days. He leaves, besides the widow, several grandchildren to mourn his death. Mr. Stumpf was a man of sterling character and was universally loved and respected by all. The funeral took place from his late residence Monday at 1:30 p. m. with interment in Royal Oak cemetery.

Do you know that an editor or a reporter for a newspaper can in his rounds stop and ask a hundred persons "What is the news?" And 90 out of the hundred will reply, "Nothing special," and yet 50 out of that number know something that if not found in the next paper will astonish them greatly and disappoint them more, and perhaps makes them madder than hornets. Don't be afraid to let the newspaper men know it.

Mrs. Agnes Donnelly Friday commenced a suit in the circuit court against S. J. Lyons and Merton L. Rice, asking that the court set aside some land contracts which are in possession of the defendants. The complainant alleges that on Jan. 10 of this year, she was persuaded to sign some papers which were represented to her as an option on her property here. She later learned they were land contracts and that Lyons had assigned them to Rice just recently. Mrs. Donnelly sold some of this property and she is unable to give a clear title because the contracts held by Rice stand against it. A. L. Moore, of Pontiac, is Mrs. Donnelly's attorney.

Miss Hattie Blackman was on the sick list the past week. John Allhouse, of Reed City, was a business caller here Saturday. Jeremiah Sullivan, of Detroit, was the guest of relatives here Saturday.

Mrs. Ina Clark gave, the M. E. Sunday school a short address last Sunday.

George Stanley, of Buffalo, N. Y., was a business caller here the past week.

Mrs. J. H. Ames is building a fine residence in the Meadow Park subdivision.

Charles Johnson, of Bay City, was the guest of friends here a few days the past week.

Rev. William St. John will take for his subject Sunday, "The Preparing of a Seed."

Athur Wright, who recently underwent an operation at Harper hospital for appendicitis does not seem to improve very fast.

James McCavey has had electric lights installed in his residence east of the village. Who did the work? Why H. F. Smith of course.

Supper will be served from 5 to 8 on Friday evening at the home of Mrs. Lawson, after which the sale of aprons and handkerchiefs will take place.

Again let us ask our readers to send in news items early. We try to send in our last bunch of news in the first mail Tuesday morning. If your items reach us after that we can not promise that they will be in time. We are sorry to disappoint but if too much work piles up at the last minute, so to speak, some of it has to be omitted.

AND OF THE COMMON PEOPLE

In America a Sense of Method and Equality is All-Pervading, Says Englishman.

America, writes Joseph Burt, an Englishman, is a young giant who has brought out of a virgin land and the sweat of his toil is upon him. In his eyes are the hopes that move the world, and he gazes on his bride with a pride and a joy that is almost divine. We of the same stock are proud of the magnificence of this new champion in the world's tournament, and yet to us, who remember our long centuries of painful growth and see England as she still is, the simple life of the American in time and material progress is pathetic. It is the optimism of a boy who thinks all will be right when he is a man. I loved America before I went there, and no words can tell what it was to me to see for the first time the happiness and freedom of the common people and the wealth and abundance in which they live. I paced the streets of Boston last September, thrilled by the possibilities of human life as I saw them before my eyes. It is in my nature, my natural enemy and cheat when he can, but even the cabman who drove me to the boarding house seemed to me a man of spirit. In their offices moved about their work like queens, conscious of their womanhood and knowing that no man could make them afraid.

In all I spent four months traveling and lecturing in the eastern cities of the states and met many men of varied classes. In my wildest dreams for the race I had never foreseen such wealth, such freedom, such equality. America is the land of the common people as England is the land of the classes. If I were a young working man I would go to the states as soon as I could earn a passage, because, once on the soil, I might become a laborer and become a man—which is a very different thing. Better than the hundreds of thousands of men, better than any material benefit she can bestow, is this sense of method and equality that is as all-pervading as the air.

THE SPIDER AND THE FLY

Reversion in Sentiment Regarding Verses Once Used to Point Moral for Children.

What a change has come over the world since the time when children used to be taught what were considered to be the verses of the great, fearful, horrid spider and the innocent little fly who used to be invited to walk into his parlor, and, tempted by many allures, be there caught ruthlessly bound hand and foot and cruelly murdered. What a moral lesson is made for the young to the affluence of the world, for the wages of sin is death, and he who loveth the danger shall perish in it. In this French and English world we have changed all that! Now we know that any agency that is destructive of the fly is a precious boon, to mankind. We know that the harmless, innocent fly, of whom we used to talk during the winter at least in rather pitiful sympathetic tones, though our tune changed sometimes in summer, when he bothered our rest, is one of the most deadly enemies that mankind has. He is probably responsible for more deaths and deaths, and especially among the children—those to whom he was held up once as an object of sympathy and an ethical warning in the past—than any other single agent. Wars and accidents, and even earthquakes and pestilences, are to be explained with muses voltans for their destructiveness.—Independent.

Home Town Helps

BOOMING THE HOME TOWN

Citizens Must Work Unceasingly and Persistently to Build up Their City.

The reason why some towns grow is because there are men of push and energy in it who are not afraid to spend their time and money to boom their town. They erect substantial buildings, organize stock companies and establish factories, secure railroads, work for public improvements, and use every means in their power to locate people in their city. Wherever they are, they tell of the advantages of their city; they write about them in every letter; they send circulars and newspapers to all they think they can get to visit the city, and when anyone visits the town treat him so kindly that he falls in love with them and their city at once. It is enterprise and everyone pulling together that makes a progressive town, and don't let the fact escape your memory.

To bear every person saying something pleasant about their town and its interests is the surest, quickest way to make a town attractive to a stranger. One of the best ways in which to make a town more attractive with that sort of attraction that will draw other people to it is for every man and woman to have a pleasant word for the people and town in general. Talk up your town if you would have it do well. Talk up your town if you would have others come to you. Talk up your town if you feel an interest in it, and would have its people feel an interest in it, and in you. There is no better way to do it. And many a time one little word of unpleasant reference to something that does not exactly suit you, and does not particularly concern you for that matter, will turn some good man's influence away from your town and even drive him away. At your own expense talk up your town. Among your neighbors talk up your town. The right kind of talk is the most potent agency ever set in motion for helping your town.—Wellington (Col.) Sun.

ALWAYS SOMETHING TO DO

Civic Improvement Must Not Be Allowed to Become Spasmodic.

Civic improvement, even in a small village or really rural community, should mean more than an annual arousal (we almost write "arousal") of civic life and pride. A live society should be ever on the alert, and account for something each month in the year. The meeting (the directors at least) once or twice a month throughout the year of their existence. No work worthy can be accomplished without well-directed zealous cooperation and such civic spirit does not work by annual or semi-annual spasms of awakening. It must be kept alive and fostered by constant activity. Have a decided aim—a goal toward which you fight, step by step. Do not yield or ease an inch but see to it that all that is gained is well preserved and protected before taking up a new task. Such a wonderful and programmed society will be constantly adding to its numbers so that though the tasks multiply as you advance, the upkeep of territory conquered, will be eased through the accession of a corresponding membership. Let each of our societies determine to accomplish more and better work during the coming year.

Trees of French Cities.

One of the chief beauties of the larger French cities, and not only in their edifices and monuments, are the trees. The almost interminable vistas of chestnuts and acacias stretching along the broad and well paved avenues as far as the eye can reach, their bending branches almost touching one another in an endless web of verdure, form not only a delightful perspective for the eye, but serve to add beauty to cities already beautiful, and to give an prominence to whatever might be harsh and forbidding. This, however, is not the result of nature's handwork alone, for man and art have had their part in the planting, as well as the maintenance, of the trees in French cities is an item of no little importance in the annual budget prepared by the municipal council, which does not look upon the preservation as of less consequence than the repairing of the roads, or the lighting of the streets.

Good Name

A farmer of Washington county, Maryland, who had had many chick sex sties, set a gun in the chicken house that would be discharged the minute the door was opened. The other night the gun was discharged and the next day three men in Georgetown were reported confined to their homes by "rheumatism."

Did Not Know Him.

Wadsworth (who has just been asked for the price of a night's lodging)—I wish those beggars would leave my house alone!

Melanchthon—They would if they knew you was a l. d.

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Harmony.

Perhaps you make the mistake of trying to harmonize outside things with you. Harmony is and you are it. Be still and know. Harmonize with the One Spirit, and let conditions play sixes and sevens if they will. Just smile in and, enjoy. By and by you will hear harmony in the tones that now seem like discord—only because your mind is not tuned to them. Of the things you dislike now, you will later say "best thing that ever happened"—Elizabeth Towne in Nassau.

Nevel Idea for Boosting City.

The suggestion has been made by Prof. Josiah Morse of Nashville, Tenn., that a clearing house of ideas for Nashville's advancement be established. The suggestion is somewhat novel in the way of boosting cities, and is meeting with comment and appreciation.

Mere Coincidence.

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Healthy New England.

New Zealand has about the lowest death rate in the world.

Merry Xmas to Everybody

Here are a few Footwear suggestions for Christmas, and you could select more appropriate gifts if you sat up nights to think of something:

FOR MEN

A pair of our choice Shoes, Storm shoes, Dress Shoes, Slippers, Rubbers, Arctics, Rubber Boots, etc.

FOR WOMEN

Street Boots, Storm Boots, Dress Shoes, a pair of our Fur-Trimmed Juliette, Rubbers, Arctics, Leggins and Overgaiters.

FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

Dress Shoes, School Shoes, Storm Shoes, Leggins, Rubbers, Arctics, Rubber Boots, Slippers, etc.

FOR THE LITTLE TOTS

Jeckey Boots, Natural-shape Shoes, a pair of good Leggins, Moccasins, Rubbers, etc.

Fill the stockings with Footwear, and you'll do a very wise thing.

We will gladly make any exchanges desired after Christmas.

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Worth Trying. An Aid to Digestion. "Can you tell me how to prevent the linking of a chicken gland, the water coming in?" "I'm not a scrub clean, the dry, Eat a small plumber, but I should say, don't pay attention at a time, several times a day; the water rate."—Stray Stories.

Unconscious of Genitals. The men and the nations who have two of these things.—(James S. Post) in National Magazine.